Cancer Cases in Bihar

* 288. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of mouth, uterus and breast cancer are increasing rapidly in Bihar,

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to provide medical care to cancer patients and launch awareness programme in the State to combat these types of cancer?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) 'Health' is a State subject. The information on incidence rate of cancer of mouth, uterus and breast are not available from the State of Bihar.

(c) Under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), the Government has started schemes mentioned below for early detection, creating awareness and treatment of cancer:—

(i) Upgradation of Regional Cancer Centres in various States/ UTs.

(ii) Development of Oncology wing in identified Medical Colleges / Hospitals.

(iii) Setting up of Cobalt Therapy facilities in various parts of the country.

(iv) District Cancer Control Programme.

(v) Financial assistant to NGOs for early detection and awareness activities.

The assistance provided under the NCCP in the State of Bihar is as under:—

(I) IGIMS, Patna has been recognised as Regional Cancer Centre in the year 1999-2000 and an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakhs was provided to them for purchase of equipments.

(II) Darbhanga Medical College, Laheriasarai had been

sanctioned an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in 1990-91 for Development of Oncology Wing. The State Government did not utilise the amount.

(III) Patna Medical College, Patna had been sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore in 1994-95 for Development of Oncology Wing. There was delay in utilisation of grant but on the request of the State Government, it has been revalidated for the year 2000-01 in the month of July, 2000.

(IV) Mahaveer Cancer Institute & Research Centre, Patna, a charitable organisation, had been sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit in 1997-98.

(V) Two district projects under the District Cancer Control Programme, were sanctioned to the Government of Bihar for the districts of Patna and Vaishali in the year 1998-99. An amount of Rs. 30.00 lakhs (Rs. 15.00 lakhs for each district) had been released for the purpose. The scheme is meant to create awareness for early detection, training and palliative care.

The details of teletherapy facilities available in Bihar are as under:—

(i) Bokaro General Hospital, Bokaro.
(ii) Meherbai Tata Memorial Hospital, Jamshedpur.
(iii) Patna Medical College Hospital, Patna,
(iv) Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna.

Shrinkage of Forests

* 289. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNFPA report has stated that forests are shrinking now only marginally, in comparison to the period between 1950 and 1980, but dense forests are being lost and with galloping population per person forest ratio is going down;

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken by the Government to make country green;

(c) whether the Centre would also raise funds for soil and water